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McCORD DAVID

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Cognate Families of Lincoln

Shipley Family

Ann Shipley and David McCord

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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David McCord + Ann
Nine children
- all born in N.C. except Mary
William — remained in Ky.
m Jane Moore.
Sarah —
m James Campbell
Robert — Parke County Ind
m Pamella Harris
John. — Knox County Ind.
Jane C Reid
David m ~~Dorcas Rose~~ Knox County Borough
Dorcas Rose Borough
Ann - Parke County Ind
Second wife
m. Alexander Elder
James - Park County Ind
m Margaret Summers
Rosa - Kentucky 1st wife
m Alexander Elder
Mary - Park County +
never married

David born 1745
died 1817

Ann Shepherd McCord
died 1828

David McCord during
the revolution was living in
Mecklenburg Con N.C.
minute man
Jan 24 1781 date on which
son David was born was in
a battle with heavy distance
In 1790 he moved his
family to Madison County Ky
near Boones Gap.

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VINCENNES, IND.

May 27, 1929.

Dr. Louis A Warren,

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

You will remember the writer spoke to you yesterday at Lincoln City after your address, conserning the Shipleys.

I used to hear my grandmother say that she was a cousin (2nd cousin, I think) to Nancy Hanks or the President but think it was second cousin to Nancy Hanks but don't remember just how the relationship was. My grandmother was Jane Caldwell McCord (married Archibald Simpson) and I find her grandfather was David McCord (b. between 1734 & 1744; d. 1806 or 1816) whose wife was Ann Shipley (about 1740-1828). Their eldest son was born Oct. 5, 1766.

One of our relatives tells me that the tradition she has is to the effect that Ann Shipley had a sister named Mary Shipley who was the wife of Abraham Lincoln (grandfather of the President). I take it, however, from what you said yesterday, that the Shipley connection must come in through Nancy Hanks' mother if she was Lucy Shipley.

I certainly will greatly appreciate it if you can tell me just what relationship existed between Ann Shipley and the Shipley ancestors of President Lincoln.

Is there any truth to the statement of some historians that Nancy Hanks was probably not a lawful daughter?

Again, I wish to tell you how much I enjoyed your address yesterday. If you will be in Vincennes on June first hope you will let me know as I would like to talk to you a few minutes.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Simpson

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June 6, 1929

Mr. R. C. Simpson
Vincennes, Indiana

My dear Mr. Simpson:

I returned to my office yesterday for the first time since I saw you in Lincoln City, and find your letter here before me.

Your letter relative to Ann Shipley was intensely interesting and it may help us to solve one of the problems of genealogy on which we have been working for a long time. My own theory is to the effect that Nancy Hanks Lincoln was a daughter of Lucy Shipley Hanks who was widowed while Nancy was a very young child.

There is a tradition to the effect that the pioneer Abraham Lincoln also married a Shipley and there is a possibility that this is true. I shall be in Terre Haute the week of June 8 and shall make it a point to visit you in Vincennes at that time.

I am enclosing a brief questionnaire which might help me to learn something further about the relationship between Ann Shipley and Lucy Shipley.

Do you happen to know of any old family bibles in the Shipley family or any source of information now available that would give us the history of the early Shipleys?

Respectfully yours,

_____ Director,
LAW:VL Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

Queries

1. When and where was Jane Caldwell McCord, your grandmother born? (B) Feb. 4, 1810, at Richmond, Ky.

2. Who were her parents ? John McCord and Jane C. Reid.

3. Where and when were David Mc Cord and Ann Shipley married? Do not know, but probably in Mechlinburg, County, N. C.

4. What was the name of the eldest son born Oct.5,1766 ? William.

5. What were to names of the other children born to Ann and David Mc Cord. See enclosure.

6. Do you know any other early members of the Shipley family besides Ann. No.

Note; I am firmly convinced that Nancy Hanks was not an illigitimate child and I hope soon to have sufficient proof of this to refute in no uncertain way this slander which has been sent forth. Any help with reference to the Shipley family which you may give will help materially in solving the problem.

The families of Caldwell, Berry, Mitchell, and Thompson are of special interest in this study.

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MONTICELLO, FLORIDA

June 26, 1929.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of June 6th. was duly received while I was in Albany, Ga. helping harvest our peach crop and as I did not have my records with me I delayed answering until now.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written to a cousin of mine by another cousin which will answer questions 4 and 5. The writer of this letter, Mrs. Oscar McCord of Rockville, Ind. is still living and it would pay you to call on her sometime when convenient as she is very much interested in family history and has a lot of material on the McCords and some other families. Also would advise you to see Mrs. Ella Branch, 1325 Ashland St., Indianapolis, Ind. who has the family bible of John McCord, son of David McCord and Ann Shipley. She is an old lady and can probably give you some information about our relationship to the Lincolns, Hanks Etc. I have written her but she never answered but one of my letters. I know of no Shipley bibles extant.

I am very much interested in this search and if I can be of any help to you please do not hesitate to call on me. I will also appreciate it if you will notify me just what my relationship to Pres. Lincoln is, should you finally figure it out definately.

In answer to question 2, will say that the maiden name of my grandmother was Jane Caldwell McCord. Her parents were John McCord and Jane C. Reid. Her grandparents were David McCord & Ann Shipley and Alexander Reid (1754-1845) & Mary (1752-1827). I suspect the C. in name of Jane C. Reid stands for Caldwell and that the wife of Alexander Reid was Mary Caldwell but this is only conjecture.

In answer to querie 1, will say that I have a letter from my first cousin who says my grandmother, Jane Caldwell McCord, was born in Richmond, Ky. I know of my own knowledge that she was born in Kentucky and came to ~~Vincennes, Ind.~~ Lawrence County Illinois about 1819 and to Vincennes, Ind. about 1824. The records of the Indiana Presbyterian Church (which I personally examined a few weeks ago) show that John McCord and his wife were received into that church May 29, 1825.

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Very truly yours,

R. C. Simpson

Rockville, Indiana.
July 23, 1917.

Mr. Wm. M. Harris,

Dear Cousin:

I was so pleased to receive your letter. I am glad you are interested in our work.

We are very much in love with the work ourselves. I am sorry to say we haven't been able as yet to collect enough material of the kind. We want to put it in book form and print it. We have quite a lot of interesting history but the work is so slow, for different reasons. Some people don't answer letters because they are just careless, and are not interested. Some don't know anything to tell us. We haven't succeeded as yet in getting just what we want of the two Vincennes branches of the McCord family. We have some of their history but not quite enough to satisfy us. I will give you a little of the old history we have as you may like to have it even if we haven't it in good form yet.

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Oscar's grandfather (James) was 5 yrs. old when they made the trip and Oscar heard him tell of the time they had so often that he almost could believe he had been with them himself. They all rode horseback and carried their goods on pack horses and drove the stock. Just after they passed the Cumberland gap, the Indians (6 in number) attacked the old people and children after the young men with the stock had passed. One woman was scalped and her 12 yr. old daughter was captured by the Indians. This woman's husband shot the Indian in the leg as he was scalping his wife and when he was hurt his friends picked him up and left. The Indians gathered up the scattered pack animals and this little girl as they left. The little girl who was a cousin of the McCord children was Naomi Mitchell. The Indians made her take care of this Indian who was shot

and they told her if he died, they would kill her. They sold her to the French and her brothers found her two years after and brought her home.

William, the son, who was on his wedding trip was shot in the right arm and I have been told he had to have his arm taken off. One family we have been told was with the party making this trip was Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Shipley. Mary & Ann Shipley were sisters, making the McCord children & Thomas Lincoln (father of the President) 1st cousins. We have found history to show that President Lincoln's grandmother was Mary Shipley. The Lincoln history's don't even mention that they ever lived in Carolina but the Kentucky McCords have handed it down as family history from father to son that the Lincoln's were of this party and related as I say. After they all arrived in Madison Co. Kentucky, David bought 1000 acres near Boone's Fort and lived there as an influential citizen till he died and most of his land is still in the hands of the McCord family.

William stayed in Kentucky.

Sarah & Rosa died in Kentucky.

While John & David (your ancestor) went to Vincennes and Robert, James, Ann and Mary came to Parke Co. (N.W. of Terre Haute)

We have some of all the branches history but not much of the Vincennes men. Does your mother have a bible with any history in it?

David McCord married Dorcas Roseborough in 1808. She was born Apr. 24, 1788, Died Apr. 7, 1871. They had twelve children.

1.	William R.	(b) May 2, 1809	Had 4 children
2.	Robert	(b) About 1810	Had 12 "
3.	John	(b) About 1810	Had 7 or 8 children
4.	Rhoda	(M) McClure -) Moved to Napa, Cal.	
5.	Margaret	(M) ") " " " "	
6.	Orpah Ann	(M) Sam'l Thompson	Had 12 children
7.	Serelda	(M) Irwin Hogue	Had 5 "
8.	Tirzah	(M) Garrett	Had 3 " Had lived at Delphi, Ind.
9.	Malinda	(M) McCord	Had 1 child " in Rockville, Ind
10.	Eliza	Armstrong	Had 4 children
11.	Jane	(M) Collins	Had 1 child Lived in Vincennes
12.	Martha	(M) Rob't. Hodgen of Vincennes	Had 1 child (Herbert)

We have some more history of David's family but it is to scattering to put in shape.

What do you know about your Harris family? I have been helping a man by the name of Harris on some family history and he is after every one he hears of. I have some way back Harris history that I got through him. The Harris family is tied closely in some places to the McCord family. David & Ann Shipley McCord's son Robert married a Harris and I have some other history showing where they intermarried.

I think I had better stop for this time. We hope to hear from you again and anything I have in the way of history that you would like to have I would be glad to send you. I have the dates of Dorcas Rosebrough's father's family if you would like to

COPY

Rockville, Indiana,
Dec. 3, 1923.

My Dear Cousin:

We were glad to hear from you again. I don't think we have been able to find any new things about the McCords, but we are still on the lookout. There was an article in the paper the other day about Abraham Lincoln's grandmother not being the Mary Shipley that we found but somebody else. If they are right it spoils our story, but I feel sure there is a mistake in their theory, as we have the family tradition in the Kentucky McCord family, telling of the relationship of the Lincolns and we have some men here in this County that look enough like the pictures of Lincoln to be sure that they must be related. So we won't give up our stand until we have better proof than they could give.

I don't remember just how much of the history I sent you but I will try and show you how the relationship is between the Vincennes McCords stands.

David McCord Born (1746) Died Kentucky 1818
Ann Shipley Died about 1828

Their children are nine in number.

1. Williams (b) Oct.5,1766 (d) June 29,1824) William & the family stayed
Married Jane Moore May 2, 1790)in Kentucky until late
)years when they have scattered.

2. Sarah - we know nothing about except she died in Kentucky.

3. Robert or Robin (b) Aug.3,1770 (d) Dec.6,1840) They came to Parke Co.
Married Pamela Harris Dec. 31, 1795) and settle about 3 miles
I have some Harris History but haven't looked) from Rockville,Ind.
to see if Pamela is any of your people) There are some of their
) people here yet.

4. John (b) Sept.8, 1773 (d) Jan.8,1846) They went to Vincennes in 1818,
Married Jane Reid Mar. 23,1898.) I think. We have very little
) of his history.

5. David (b) Jan.24,1781 (d) Sept.29,1852) This is your Great Grandfather.
Married Dorcas Rosebrough June 23, 1808)

6. Ann (b) Nov.18,1782 (d) Aug.2,1855) They came to Parke Co.1825 and
Married Alexander Elder June 14, 1814) settled on a farm 6 miles from
) Rockville, Ind. Their people
) still live around in this part
) of the country.

7. James (b) Apr.5,1785 (d) Dec.28,1873) This is Oscar's grandfather. He
Married Margaret (Peggy)Summers May)) came to Parke County in 1828
10th 1809.) and settled by Alexander Elder.
) First wife of Alexander Elder.

8. Rosa (b) 1788 (d) about 1812 in Kentucky
Married May 11, 1809.) Her two children came to Indiana.
) with their father.

9. Mary or Polly (b) 1790 - (d) 1836
Never married.

Your (Great Grandfather) and Oscar's Grandfather were brothers you see.
David

You probably know of your Great Grandfather's family.

He had 12 children, 9 girls and 3 boys, your Grandfather being the oldest.

William Rosebrough (b) May 2, 1809 (d) Jan. 26, 1881. Your Grandfather
Eliza Jane Gibson (wife)

Mary C.his daughter was your mother. I have a very incomplete list of the Vincennes people.

Oscar's Grandfather, James is the 7th son of David & Ann Shipley McCord, had 10 children. Oscar's father being the seventh child. He was

William (b) June 2, 1826 (d) Apr. 11, 1912)William was two years old
He married Rachel Cummings Dec.28,1848)when his father James came
)to Indiana.
William had 9 children and Oscar is the fifth child.

Oscar (b) Aug. 26,1859. You see that Oscar's father and your Grandfather William R. were first cousins.

The McCords intermarried until it is almost impossible to study out the relationship. We find McCords that have to be classed in 3 branches of the family. I would be glad to copy all I have for you if you would care for it. You might have to visit us to keep from loosing your mind. Oscar has known so many of the people and know of the others all his life that we could untangle the puzzle.

I think I gold you that my husband was an invalid and had been confined to the house for so many years. He is not sick but has a slight fracture of the spine making him entirely helpless. We succeeded in finding a sheel chair bed so we can take him out-doors and he has enjoyed it very much.

He Hadn't been out of the house for 19 years until last fall the men took him out in an ambulance and now we have the chair so he can go when he pleases.

He has been an invalid for 28 years. We have no children our two dying in infancy. If there is anything else you would like to know, don't hesitate to ask for information and if I can help you, I will be glad to help.

With best wishes for you all, I remain,

Yours cousin,

(signed) Minnie McCord.

July 1, 1929

Mr. R. C. Simpson
Simpson Nursery Company
Vincennes, Indiana

My dear Mr. Simpson:

I was glad to receive your letter with the information therein relative to the McCord family.

The family of Ann Shipley is of special interest to me and I think that it is through this line that you will be able to show a contact with the Lincoln family. At your suggestion, I am writing to Mrs. McCord at Rockville and also Mrs. Branch at Indianapolis. Possibly from them I may learn something further about the origin of the Shipleys. I expect I shall be in Vincennes one week from Wednesday and if so, may have an opportunty to see you at that time.

Respectfully yours,

_____ Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:LH

June 24, 1935

Mr. Robert Simpson
Vincennes, Indiana

My dear Mr. Simpson:

I have recently discovered among my old papers two pamphlets which I think you would like very much to have and I am forwarding them to you under separate cover. I trust you will write to your brother in Florida and tell him I am planning to go into North Carolina this summer and I trust he will let me know what he found there and give me such instructions as I should have before I start on the trip, which will probably be along the last of July.

I intend to solve the problem of the Shipley family on this trip, if possible, and will need all the assistance possible.

Very truly yours,

Director

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Vincennes, Indiana
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Mr. Lewis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of June 24th received. I wish to thank you very much for sending me the pamphlet containing the first reports of the first session of the Kentucky State Pomological Society and the Horticultural Society. I am very glad to get those historical publications to place in my files. I have forwarded your letter of the 24th to my brother, Ray Simpson at Monticello, Florida, and have asked him to write you as you requested. After you have made your trip to North Carolina I imagine you will want to write Ray concerning anything new about the Shipley family. If so, please send me copy of same.

I certainly did enjoy the two hours with you in your museum and appreciated very much your time and courtesy.. While there you gave me a small blue pamphlet about Lincoln and telling all about the Shipley and McCord families and their connection. Also a small single sheet with a diagram showing the stream or flow of blood relation of Lincoln. You were also kind enough to offer to send me a few prints of the Coat of Arms of the Shipley Family. So far the prints have not arrived but hope to receive them at your earliest convenience.

If I am not asking too much, I would likr to have one or two more of the blue pamphlets of the Lincoln Family and about the Shipley and McCord family. Also five of the single yellow sheets of the diagram of the stream of the ancestors of Lincoln from both father's and mother's side.

When our peaches are ripe I would be glad to send you a carton of our very large, beautiful Hale peaches. Anytime you should be in Vincennes, please call on us.

Yours very truly,
R. A. Simpson

Glenore Apts.,
Eustis, Fla., Sept. 23, 1938

Dr. Louis C. Warren,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Your letter of July 15, 1935 was duly received but I presume you did not find any new information on your trip to Gastonia, N.C. as I never heard from you. If you did discover anything about the McCorkle or Shipleys, I would greatly appreciate the information.

I suppose you saw the record of the Lincolns as given by William M. Clemens, editor of Sunedray Magazine, published in Indianapolis Star, Sunday, Feb. 13, 1916. His records vary somewhat from those you published in "Lincoln Lore" dated Feb. 4, 1935. Among other variations he ~~gives~~ says Abraham Lincoln (grandfather of Pres.) married Mary Shipley. In Lincoln Lore Mar. 19, 1934 you give it as (1) Mary ——, (2) Bersheba ——. From all your other research, however, it seems the Shipleys were relatives of Nancy Hanks, one of them probably being her mother but not the wife of A. Lincoln (gf.) Clemens article was headed "Lincoln Family Secrets Unearthed in Musty Records in A Tennessee Court House".

I have received No. 2 of the Lincoln Kinsman but did not get No. 1. My address for next eight months will be as above so please change my address to here so I will not miss future copies.

Very truly yours
Ray C. Simpson

July 5, 1935

Mr. R. A. Simpson
Simpson Orchard Company, Inc.
Vincennes, Indiana

My dear Mr. Simpson:

Thank you very much for forwarding my letter on to Mr. Ray Simpson at Monticello, Florida. I am sure I will be pleased to hear from him relative to his trip into North Carolina.

I regret very much that we do not have a single copy of the booklet, "The Shipley Ancestry of Lincoln's Mother" available.

My own personal copy and the one here in the library are the only two left of the printing of the story.

You might be able to secure copies of the Indiana Magazine of History for September 1933 which contains the article and from which the little blue pamphlet was reprinted. If you care to write to the Indiana University for this, it is barely possible they may be able to supply the item as it appeared in its original release.

A short time ago I had occasion to send Mr, Gibson, our representative at Vincennes, some Lincoln data and also included a few copies of the Shipley Coat of Arms in which you are interest. I expect that by this time Mr.Gibson may have delivered these little items to you. If you care for more, we will be pleased to have some made.

Enclosed you will please find some extra copies of the Lincoln Lore bulletin for which you inquired; we are very happy to supply them.

When I return from North Carolina I will be pleased to advise you what success I have had relative to gaining further information about the forebears of Abraham Lincoln.

Of course, your reference to the peaches would strike a responsive cord in a family where there are five children. While in Santa Ana, California, this winter I forwarded the children a crate of Mammoth oranges. Later on at Seattle, Washington, I sent a box of enormous apples.

The carton of peaches you have suggested might be forwarded would be received, I am sure, by the children with the same enthusiasm as was manifested upon the arrival of the other two I have mentioned.

You may certainly depend upon my calling on you for a brief chat the next time I am in Vincennes.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH Director
Ejc.

September 28, 1938

Mr. Ray C. Simpson
Glenmore Apts.
Eustis, Florida

My dear Mr. Simpson:

We were very glad indeed to hear from you and we will see to it that the address for your Lincoln Kinsman is changed so you will not fail to receive subsequent issues. We are sending under separate cover copy No. 1 as we want your set to be complete.

9/29/38

Several minor items about the Shipley family were found in Bedford County, Virginia, and you will observe in Lincoln Kinsman No. 2 quite a few statements which came out of the research there.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

H. A. McCORD, PRESIDENT AND SUPERINTENDENT

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Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren:

I am just in receipt of a letter from my brother, Robert A. Simpson, of Vincennes, Indiana, who enclosed a letter from you. I do not quite understand just what you mean by asking me for instructions as to how to proceed in North Carolina in looking up the Shipley history. I have never investigated that family there, and the only possible thing I might have of interest, to you, concerning them and the Lincoln's in North Carolina I gave you on the enclosed letter. This letter was written by a relative of mine to another relative in New York City.

I am very much interested in your work, and will be glad to assist you in any way I can. I understand you have some pamphlets on Lincoln Ancestory and I would like very much to have a supply of these, if possible. Also, please send me your publication of "Lincoln Lore" and let me have the charges.

The next time I am in Vincennes I am going to try to run up to Fort Wayne and look over your collections, which I understand is very wonderful.

If I can be of service to you at any time, do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Simpson

R. C. Simpson,

July 15, 1935

Mr. R. C. Simpson
Simpson-McCord Orchard Co.
Monticello, Florida

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I fear I have been mistaken about your visit in North Carolina but I understood from a recent interview in Vincennes that you did visit the old homestead of the McCords near Gastonia, North Carolina, and that you were able to locate some of the old burial stones there. Now it appears that I must have confused this statement with the visit which you made to Richmond, Kentucky.

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LAW:LH
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Director

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David was a minute man in the Revolution and on the morning of Jany.24, 1781, when his son David was born, he was in a battle within hearing distance of his home. This David that was born that morning was your Great Grandfather.

In 1790 David sold his 44 acres of land and taking his family started to Kentucky. His son, William, and his daughter, Sarah, married and this trip was their wedding trip. William married May 20, 1790.

Oscar's Minnie McCord's husband grandfather (James) was 5 yrs. old when they made the trip and Oscar heard him tell of the time they had so often that he almost could believe he had been with them himself. They all rode horseback and carried their goods on pack horses and drove the stock. Just after they passed the Cumberland gap, the Indians (6 in number) attacked the old people and children after the young men with the stock had passed. One woman was scalped and her 12 yr. old daughter was captured

by the Indians. This woman's husband shot the Indian in the leg as he was scalping his wife and when he was hurt his friends picked him up and left. The indians gathered up the scattered pack animals and this little girl as they left. The little girl who was a cousin of the McCord children was Naomi Mitchell. The Indians made her take care of this indian who was shot and they told her if he died, they would kill her. They sold her to the French and her brothers found her two years after and brought her home.

William, the son, who was on his wedding trip was shot in the right arm and I have been gold he had to have his arm taken off. One family we have been told was with the party making this trip was Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Shipley. Mary and Ann Shipley were sisters, making the McCord children & Thomas Lincoln (father of the President) 1st cousins. We have found history to show that President Lincoln's grand-mother was Mary shipley. The Lincoln history's don't even mention that they ever lived in Carolina but the Kentucky McCords have handed it down as family history from father to son that the Lincoln's were of this party and related as I say. After they all arrived in Madison Co. Kentucky, David bought 1000 acres near Boone's Fort and lived there as an influential citizen till he died and most of his land is still in the hands of the McCord family.

William stayed in Kentucky.

Sarah and Rosa Died in Kentucky.

While John and David (your ancestor) went to Vincennes and Robert, James, Ann and Mary came to Parke Co. (N. W. of Terre Haute)

We have some of all the branches history but not much of the Vincennes men. Does your mother have a bible with any history in it?

David McCord married Dorcas Rosebrough in 1808. She was born Apr. 24, 1788, Died Apr. 7, 1871. They had twelve children.

1. William R.	(b) May 2, 1809		Had 4 children
2. Robert	(b) Oct.26,1810		Had 12 "
3. John	(b) about 1810		Had 7 or 8 children
4. Rhoda (M) McClure	) Moved to Napa, Cal.		
5. Margaret (M) "	) " " " "		
6. Orpah Ann (M) Sam'l Thompson			Had 12 Children
7. Serelda (M) Irwin Hogue			Had 5 "
8. Tirzah (M) Garrett			Had 3 "
9. Malinda (M) McCord Had 1 child		Lived at Anderson, Ind	Had lived at Delphi, Ind.
10. Eliza	(M) Armstrong		Had 4 children
11. Jane (M) Collins		Had 1 child	Lived in Vincennes
12. Martha (M) Rob't. Hodgen of Vincennes		Had (Herbert) 1 child	

We have some more history of David's family but it is too scattering to put in shape.

What do you know about your harris family? I have been helping a man by the name of Harris on some family history and he is after every one he hears of. I have some way back Harris history that I got through him. The Harris family is tied closely in some places to the McCord family. David & Ann Shipley McCord's son Robert married a Harris and I have some other history showing where they intermarried.

I think I had better stop for this time. We hope to hear from you again and anything I have in the way of history that you would like to have I would be glad to send you. I have the dates of Doreas Rosebrough's father's family if you would like to have them.

Hoping to hear from you again, I remain,

Your cousin

(Signed) Minnie McCord.

Versailles Woodfort Co. Ky. adjourns Jessamine Co. Ky. & Fayette Co. & Madison Co. Ky. Dannville, Boyle Co. near Madison Co. is first Co. S. of Lexington, (Fayette Co.) Ky.

WMH.

Monticello, Fla.
July 9, 1935.

Dear Mr. Warren:

The David McCord mentioned here who was born about 1734 or 1744 emigrated from Mecklenburg County, N.C. and was the husband of Ann Shipley. If the Lincolns went to Ky. with him, as stated here, and if Ann Shipley's sister ~~married~~ Mary, was the mother of Thomas Lincoln, as stated to me by Mrs. McCord, it is very likely they were neighbors and came from the same county in N.C.

I have visited the old McCord graveyard near Richmond, Ky. It is very interesting.

R. C. Simpson

July 1, 1929

Mrs. Oscar McCord
Rockville, Indiana

My dear Mrs. McCord:

I have just received a letter from Mr. R. C. Simpson in which he advises me that you have some old family records that might be of interest to me. I am anxious to trace the parentage of Ann Shipley who married David McCord.

If you could give me any information about the Shipley family I would appreciate it very much.

Respectfully yours,

_____Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:LH

Rockville Indiana.
July 1. 1929

Mr Louis Warren
Fort Wayne Indiana

My Dear Mr Warren

I received your letter of July 1, and am sorry to say I have no real records of the Shipley family except of Ann Shipley McCord. I have a little traditional history that has been handed down from family to family. Among the traditional stories is the one of the relation to Abraham Lincoln. I have a write up of Abraham Lincoln tracing his family that shows that his grand father Abraham married Mary Shipley who was a sister of Ann. Mr William Clemens wrote the article. He is the editor of a genealogy magazine. Some history writers dispute the fact but our stories show he is right. I have a lot of records but mostly McCord. I have the David and Ann McCord records pretty well filled but cant go back of that. I understand there was another Shipley sister

who married a man named Mitchell. I have a story about them but it has been told with different dates until I hardly know how to straighten it out. My husbands grandfather James McCord was a younger son of David & Ann Shipley McCord and was 5 years old when they made the trip from North Carolina to Kentucky and Oscar lived in the home with his grandfather and James died in 1873 at the age of 89 and Oscar has heard him tell of the trip time & again he was 14 years old when his grandfather died. We have been told that there were 5 Shipley brothers in the revolution but we never heard their names. If you care for any of this tradition or for any of the records I have I will be glad to write them for you.

89
1884

I am sorry I haven't any real history for you.

Respectfully yours

Mrs Oscar McCord.
Rockville.
Indiana.

July 1, 1929

Mrs. Ella Branch
1325 Ashland Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Branch:

I have just received a letter from R. C. Simpson in which he advises me that you are in possession of the old McCord bible.

I am wondering if you could advise me as to the parentage of Ann Shipley who married David McCord.

I am very much interested in tracing this family line and would appreciate any assistance which you might be able to give me.

Respectfully yours,

_____Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:LH

One of Ann Shipley McCords youngest sons was born in 1784 Lives in Mecklenburg Co N C

Ann McChord's eldest son Willis was born in 1766 Mary born 1790 Last child born in Ky

1806
2
1785

McChord Family

See Ky Register history
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THE DESCENDANTS OF DAVID McCORD AND ANN SHIPLEY.

BORN	1746	1748
DIED	1818	1828
MARRIED	1765	

GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDPARENTS OF
GEORGE KNOX SIMPSON 1918 -

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DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

In 1936 Mrs. Oscar McCord, of Rockville, Indiana, gave to the Francis Vigo Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, a tabulation she had compiled, from family Bibles,--births, marriages, deaths of McCord-Shipley descendants.

Mrs. Sherman Davenport was at that time Chairman of Genealogical Records Committee. Mrs. Davenport died in 1942, leaving the tabulation in the safe in the Harrison Mansion with request that it be included in the next volume of Bible Records compiled by the Chapter.

In 1945 Mrs. William H. DeBolt began supplementing, revising and bringing to date the aforesaid tabulation adding many Knox County families.

The names of Mrs. McCord and Mrs. DeBolt are underlined, as they appear in the following pages. (74 and 50)

"The Shipley Ancestry of Lincoln's Mother" by Dr. Louis A. Warren is a most fitting preface to this work, as it traces so clearly the descent of Ann Shipley.

McCORD	SHIPLEY
Johannes McCord and wife Isabella --Scotland, Ireland, landed in America in 1734.	Adam Shipley and wife Lois --settled in Maryland 1668
William McCord and wife Mary	Robert Shipley Sr. and wife Elizabeth
David McCord and wife Ann Shipley	Robert Shipley Jr. and wife Sarah
	Ann Shipley and husband David McCord

The Shipley Ancestry of Lincoln's Mother.

By Dr. Louis A. Warren

Reverence for the burial places of those making significant contributions to our national life has placed upon Indiana the responsibility of preserving and beautifying the grave of the mother who gave Abraham Lincoln to America.

It is doubtful if there is to be found in all the country a lone woman's grave which has become so sacred a shrine as the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. The commonwealth of Indiana is now awakened to its full responsibility as the custodian of her remains.

Another task which devolves upon the state, because of the early residence of Nancy Hanks Lincoln within its borders, is the preservation in the state archives of an authoritative biographical sketch of her life. The data which should be assembled first is authentic information about her parents and ancestors. It is the present purpose to present a brief history of her mother's people, the Shipleys. The feature magazine writers and biographical debunkers having had their say about the mother of Nancy Hanks, possibly those who are interested may be willing to c nsider the testimonies of some of the members of the family from which she came.

Many years ago Mrs. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock of Cambridge, Massachusetts, did an exhaustive and painstaking piece of work in which she attempted to discover something about the parentage of Nancy Hanks. While it must be admitted that some data was supplied to her that was erroneous, she did not deserve the chastising and bitter denunciation which she received at the hands of one Lincoln biographer in particular, as the main thesis of her work can now be substantiated. [1]

More recently, however, certain Hoosier historians, directly related to the mother of President Lincoln, have compiled family traditions, supported by authorized records, which contribute much to the task before us. Their findings are supported by many testimonials originating from independent sources in several states. It was an Indianapolis woman, Mrs. C. R. S. Vawter, who was responsible for the first and most important discovery with reference to the history of Nancy Hanks. [2]

Through Mrs. Vawter's insistence and encouragement her uncle Mitchell Thompson urged the county clerk of Washington County, Kentucky, to search for the marriage records of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks. The finding of the marriage certificate put a stop to the circulation of stories to the effect that the parents of Lincoln were never legally married.

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1. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock, 'Nancy Hanks: The Story of Abraham Lincoln's Mother.'
2. Grace Vawter Bucknell, 'History of the Vawter Family.' p. 143-144.

Another fact of importance which was learned from the marriage papers was the evidence that Richard Berry was the guardian of Nancy Hanks at the time of her marriage. The Signature of Berry supported the tradition that Mrs. Vawter had recorded in a letter as early as 1874 when she urged that the mother of Nancy Hanks and the wife of the elder Richard Berry were sisters. On September 14, 1895 Mrs. Vawter wrote to Mrs. Hitchcock: "Nancy Hanks' mother's name before marriage was Shipley and she was a Virginian. There were, I think, six sisters in the Shipley family but I only remember the names of the husbands of three: Richard Berry, Sr., Robert Mitchell (my great-grandfather) and Mr. Hanks (Nancy's father)".[3]

No one can dispute the fact that the name of a Richard Berry appears on the marriage bond and that he signed as guardian of Nancy Hanks. Kentucky laws regarding the appointment of guardians support the tradition that Berry was a relative of Nancy Hanks. The Richard Berry who married Rachel Shipley was dead by 1797 and his will names his wife Rachel and several children, including a son Richard.[4] It was this Richard Berry, Jr. who was the guardian of Nancy Hanks at the time of her marriage.

Richard Berry, Jr. and Polly Ewing were married in Mercer County, Kentucky on October 10, 1794.[5] One of Richard's children, Robert Mitchell Berry, died in Callaway County, Missouri in 1913, at the age of ninety-five years. This paragraph appeared in the newspaper obituary notice: "His father (Richard Berry Jr.) was a man of considerable wealth, and while a resident of Kentucky, reared Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln and at the wedding signed the marriage bond of her husband."[6]

Another descendant of this same Richard Berry Jr., testifies that "Richard Berry Sr. married a Shipley who was a sister of Nancy Hanks Lincoln's mother. They took little Nancy to live with them when she was left an orphan but later she went to live in the home of Richard Berry Jr."[7] There is an abundance of evidence that the wife of Richard Berry Sr. was Rachel Shipley. One grandchild was named Berry Shipley Redding. Edward Shipley's name appears in the settlement of the estate of John Berry, oldest son of Richard Berry Sr.[8]

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3. Mrs. Vawter's letter is in the files of the Lincoln Life Foundation, Ft. Wayne.
4. Washington County (Ky.) Court Will Book. p 134
5. Washington County (Ky.) Court Marriage Register.
6. Clipping from a local newspaper in the files of the Lincoln Life Foundation.
7. Mary E. Hayes Noutrey to the writer, March 24, 1931.
8. Mercer County (Ky.) Will Book II p 273.

Evidence that the mother of Nancy Hanks was a sister of Rachel Shipley, who married Richard Berry Sr., comes down through several branches of the Berry family who have testified to the authenticity of this fact. While it is not the purpose of this paper to discuss the home environment of Nancy Hanks during the years when she was growing to maturity, it is sufficient to say that it was one of culture and refinement and far different from the picture so often drawn of her early years.

Some time after Rachel Shipley moved to Kentucky her sister Naomi Shipley Mitchell followed her. Naomi was the wife of Robert Mitchell. She was massacred by the Indians when her family was attacked while enroute to Kentucky. Her daughter Sarah Shipley Mitchell, named for her mother's people, was captured by the Indians, during the same attack and, a few years later, upon having been returned to her relatives, became the constant associate of Nancy Hanks, her first cousin. It was for this Sarah Shipley Mitchell that Nancy Hanks most likely named her first child, Sarah Lincoln. It is interesting also that Sarah Mitchell who married John Thompson named one of her daughters, Nancy. A nephew of Sarah Shipley Mitchell was named Tom Shipley Mitchell.

Another former Indianapolis woman, Miss Kate Thompson, has done more original research work on the Mitchell-Shipley connections than anyone else and the author on several occasions through interviews and correspondence has been assisted and encouraged by her findings. An old Mitchell Bible is still extant which reveals that Naomi, wife of Robert Mitchell, was born April-- and that the second child was born April--. Sarah S. Mitchell, her daughter, was born in N. Carolina.[9]

Another one of the Shipley sisters that we have been able to trace is Ann who married David McCord. The following family tradition comes from Rockville, Indiana. "My husband's grandfather, James McCord, was a son of David and Ann Shipley McCord, and was five years old when they made the trip from North Carolina to Kentucky. - - - We have been told that there were five Shipley brothers in the Revolution."[10]

Further identification of this Ann Shipley comes from a resident of Vincennes, Indiana, who says: "My grandmother was Jane Caldwell McCord and I find her grandfather was David McCord whose wife was Ann Shipley. Their eldest son was born October 5, 1766."[11]

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9 Vital Statistics for Washington County (Ky.) State Hist. Society Archives.
10. Mrs. Oscar McCord to the writer July 1, 1929.
11. Ray C. Simpson to the Writer May 27, 1929.

The search for the fourth Shipley sister leads also to North Carolina. Here one finds that Margaret Shipley married Robert Sloan. A great-grand-daughter of Margaret writes: "Margaret Shipley, my great grandmother, first married Robert Sloan who was killed or died in the Revolutionary War."[12] In another letter the same person records that "Abraham Lincoln's grandmother was a Shipley and married a Hanks. Her daughter, Nancy Hanks, went to relatives in Kentucky, and married a Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln's grandmother and my great-grandmother, Margaret Shipley, were sisters."[13] It does not seem that there can be any doubt about the relationship of four Shipley sisters who were the daughters of Robert and Sarah Shipley.

It will be noted that in all of these traditions about the four Shipley Sisters there is always the same story about a fifth sister, Lucy, who married a Hanks said to be James Hanks. It will also be observed that she was a widow before reaching Kentucky and had a daughter, Nancy, who married a Lincoln. Evidence from many sources now seems to confirm the fact that Lucy Shipley, daughter of Robert Shipley, who became the wife of James Hanks, was the mother of Nancy Hanks. Lucy Shipley's sister, Naomi, was born April 26, 1784: her sister Ann's first child was born in 1766; her sister Rachel's third child was married in 1781. Lucy was probably one of the youngest children, as her daughter Nancy was born not much earlier than 1785.

The Beech Fork community in Washington County, Kentucky where Richard Berry, Sr., uncle of Nancy Hanks, first settled, was also the home community of the Widow Lincoln and her five orphan children; Thomas Lincoln, the youngest son becoming the playmate of Nancy Hanks who lived with the Berrys but a short distance away. In this community there also lived the Mitchells, Brumfields and other relatives, and in the adjacent community on Doctor's Fork, lived Edward and George Shipley, the Hankses, Sparrows, and other relatives. Richard Berry Sr., also owned a farm on Doctor's Fork where his oldest son, John, lived.

When Lucy Shipley Hanks reached Kentucky, she married as her second husband, Henry Sparrow, and at this time made affidavit that she was above twenty-one years of age and her brother-in-law, Robert Mitchell, testified to this fact.

It was some time after this second marriage that her daughter, Nancy, went to live with her Uncle and Aunt, Richard and Rachel Berry.[14] The Mercer County, Kentucky census for the year 1810 reveals that Lucy was over 45 years of age at that time. This would place her birth as early as 1765. That she was living as late as 1820 is revealed by the census of that year. She is said to have passed away about 1825, which would have made her at least sixty years old at that time and probably older.

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12. Mary Ellen Armstrong to the writer March 24, 1933.
13. Miss Armstrong to the writer Feb. 29, 1933.
14. Mercer County (Ky.) Marriage Register 1790.

It appears from the census of 1810 that Lucy had nine children by Henry Sparrow, five boys and four girls. Two of the boys became ministers and there is nothing but words of commendation for the wholesome atmosphere of her home and the integrity of her children.[15]

The Shipleys and their kinsmen came to Washington County, Kentucky, from Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, where we find that Robert and Sarah Shipley were established and where they continued to live after their children had emigrated. Correspondence from a member of the Shipley family still living near the old home definitely locates the Shipley residence in North Carolina: "Robert Mitchell and Robert Sloan both of whom married Shipleys lived near the Catawba River on the Mecklenburg side. The Berrys were on the Western or Gaston side of the river. All these people were (earlier) friends and neighbors in Virginia."[16]

Other descendants of Robert Sloan and his wife, Margaret Shipley have preserved traditions about the Shipley family. A great-great-granddaughter of Margaret Shipley Sloan who lives in North Carolina not far from where the Shipleys settled has this to say about the family: "The Shipleys were here, we know, and they kept coming and going until after the revolution. A few lingered, others went to Kentucky. It is known positively that two members of the Hanks family, Richard (Dickey) and James, were here and heads of families in 1790 - This is proven by the census. James is supposed, by some to have been the father of Nancy."[17]

The evidence that the residence of the Shipleys was in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, is not based entirely on tradition. The court records affirm the location of the residence as well as the family contacts. On April 18 1772, Robert Shipley purchased a tract of land from David McCord and Annie, his wife. Edward Shipley and George Shipley were witnesses to the transaction--Robert Mitchell also purchased land from McCord. Robert Mitchell sold the land acquired from McCord in 1789.

With equal certainty the North Carolina colony of Shipleys can be traced back to Bedford County, Virginia. Robert and Sarah Shipley, parents of the Shipley daughters, left Bedford County for North Carolina in 1771 as is evident from records in the Bedford County Court. Although we know that Robert's wife's

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15. Mercer County Tax Reports. Kentucky State Historical Society Archives.
16. Mrs. Minnie S. Puett to the writer April 27, 1933.
17. Mrs. Puett to the writer March 28, 1933.

first name was Sarah, we do not know her maiden name, and, while we have discovered the names of five of their daughters, the names of their sons are not certainly known, although it appears that Robert J., Edward and George were their children.

Robert Shipley's name first appears on the Virginia Records in 1750 were it is found on a commissioner's book in Lunenburg County as a tithable; indicating he was over twenty-one years of age, and the head of a family. William Caldwell according to the court order was appointed to make out the tax list for Lunenburg County in the territory "from Little Roanoke up the Fork." The list contained among others the names of Robert Shipley, Richard Berry, and Robert Mitchell. Richard Berry married Rachel Shipley, daughter of Robert Shipley, and Robert Mitchell married Naomi Shipley, Rachel's sister, as indicated earlier in this paper. It is also interesting to note that John Caldwell was appointed administrator to the estate of the pioneer Abraham Lincoln who died in Kentucky in 1786, the Caldwells then having moved to Washington County, Kentucky.

Another list giving the names of those subject to military call in 1758 in Lunenburg County contains the name of Robert Shipley, who in 1765, purchased a tract of land in Lunenburg County. Part of this land was sold in 1767, and on April 30, 1771 Robert and his wife, Sarah, sold the remaining 164 acres to Daniel Mitchell. It will be recalled that Naomi Shipley married Robert Mitchell and that Richard Berry's oldest son, John, married Ann Mitchell.

On September 16, 1765 Robert Shipley entered 314 acres of land on Little Falling River then in Lunenburg County, but, with the formation of Bedford County within its boundaries, the land fell within the newly organized county.[18] Here also lived the Mitchells, Berrys, Hankses, and other families which we find in both North Carolina and Kentucky communities where these related groups settled.

When Campbell County, Virginia, was cut off from Bedford County, many of these families found their land within the new county and the deed books of the court show land transactions of the Hankses, Mitchells, Prewitts, etc., which proves that their lands were adjacent. In Charlotte County also the Hankses, Berrys, Mitchells, etc. are found in the same general community.

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18. Book of Patents, 1764-1767--State House Richmond, Virginia.

Just when Robert Shipley moved to Virginia we do not know but the traditions in the various branches of the family are agreed that he migrated to Virginia from Maryland.19 The Maryland records prove conclusively that the Robert Shipley of Bedford County, Virginia, was a son of Robert Shipley Sr. of Ann Arundel County, Maryland, who named the following children in his will in 1767: Charles, Robert, Ruth (or Rachel), Ketura, Elizabeth, Sarah, Lois, George and William. The last named sons, William and George, were made executors of their father's estate. It is significant to note that the two youngest sons were made executors, suggesting that the older sons, Charles and Robert, were not available for this service. The migration of the older sons is in accord with the family tradition. Later on George is said to have migrated so that William was eventually the only son to remain in Maryland.

It is very fortunate that the births of all of these children are recorded in the records of Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parrish, as we are able to definitely establish the date of Robert Shipley's birth as October 9, 1713. Robert Shipley was named for his father, Robert Shipley Sr., whose wife's name was Elizabeth, but there is a possibility that Robert Sr. was married twice. Robert Shipley Sr. was a member of Christ's Church, Queen Caroline Parrish, and in 1736 he held pew No. 11. It is interesting to note that a William Hanks was in possession of pew No. 28. Shipley was a member of the first vestry of the church.

It must be something more than a coincidence that the Shipley and Hanks families are found associated in Maryland as we find they were also in the same communities in Virginia, North Carolina, and Kentucky. It would not be surprising if we should find that in William Hanks of Maryland we have an ancestor of President Lincoln although no evidence of this connection is available.

Robert Shipley Sr. received a tract of land from the estate of his father Adam Shipley, consisting of 240 acres and the farm was called "Shipley's Discovery". It was on the Patopsco River south of Great Falls. This land was surveyed in 1724. In 1742

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19. Two women, Mrs. L. O. White of Brookline, Mass., and Mrs. J. F. Rudolph of Warren, Ohio, the latter related to the Hanks family, have done much original research work on the Shipley and Hanks connections in Maryland and Virginia and the author is greatly indebted to them. Among the members of the Shipley family who have contributed information about the family in Maryland are Mrs. Winchester Britton, Mrs. Marvin E. Shipley and Miss Araminta Shipley.

Robert sold 140 acres to Nathan Barnes and two years later he sold the remaining 100 acres to Peter Porter. The elder Shipley then acquired a large farm near Sykesville, Maryland, and it was here that he made his home the rest of his life.

This brings us back to the first man, in America, to whom the Lincoln branch of the Shipley family traces its ancestry. His name was Adam Shipley and he settled in Maryland in 1668., not far from Annapolis. In 1681 a tract of land was surveyed for him borderingon the Severn River. It consisted of 200 acres and was called "Shipley's Choice."

Adam's wife was named Lois and she died a widow in 1725. How many years before this Adam passed away is not known. Tradition claims there were nine sons and two daughters born to Adam and Lois Shipley. The names of but three of them are known: Richard, Robert and Lois.

The line of descent from Adam Shipley to Abraham Lincoln as it has now been traced follows:

ON LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE CHART OF LINCOLN'S STREAMS OF INHERITANCE (1935)

#	55	Adam Shipley and wife Lois	56
	27	Robert Shipley Sr. and wife Elizabeth	28
	13	Robert Shipley Jr. and wife Sarah	14
	6	Lucy Shipley and husband James Hanks	5
	1	Nancy Hanks and husband Thomas Lincoln	2
		Abraham Lincoln.	

While it appears that Abraham Lincoln is a descendant of Adam Shipley of the Maryland branch of the American Shipleys, this discussion of the Shipley family may properly conclude with a summary of the other family groups and the states where they seem to have originated:

Massachusetts Branch - John and Ann Shipley who settled in Salem in 1683.

Pennsylvania Branch - William and Elizabeth Shipley who lived at Springfield, Delaware County as early as 1729.

New Jersey Branch - Samuel Shipley who was born in England in 1831 but who did not arrive in America until some years later.

Virginia Branch - John and Mary Shipley who settled in Gloucester County, in 1668.

DAVID McCORD (1746) - ANN SHIPLEY (1746)

Generation		Marriage	Birth	Death
I	David McCord		1746	1818
	Ann Shipley	1765	1746	1828
II	William		Oct 5,1766	June 29,1824
	Sarah		1768	
	Robert		Aug 3,1770	Dec 6, 1840
	John		Sept 8,1773	Jan 8, 1846
	David		Jan 24,1781	Sept 29,1852
	Ann		Nov 18,1782	Aug 2, 1855
	James		Apr 5,1785	Dec 28,1873
	Rosa		1788	1812
	Mary (Polly)		1790	1836
II	William McCord		Oct 5,1766	June 29,1824
	Jane Moore	5/2/1790	Mch 15,1769	Aug 16,1844
III	Anna		May 6,1793	Aug 8, 1810
	John M.		Sept 8,1795	Apr 23,1808
	Kizziah		Apr 15,1798	
	Polly (Mary)		Oct 2,1801	Oct 2,1801
	David		Aug 1,1806	June 25,1888
	Eliza		July 23,1823	June 14,1878
	William Downey		July 23,1823	June 14,1878
III	Anna McCord		May 6,1793	Aug 8,1810
	Thomas Douglas			
IV	Anna McCord		July 24,1810	
III	Kizziah McCord		Apr 15,1798	
	John Summers	3/28/1816	Nov 22,1790	
IV	Robert			
	Andrew			
	Eliza M.		July 19,1824	Jan 25,1917
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	5.			
	6.			
III	William Downey McCord		July 23,1823	June 14,1878
	Theodocia Elder			
IV	Eliza Jane			
	Lucy Ann			
	Emily Elder		1828	
	Franklin			
	Charles			
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June 14-32.

MRS. SCOTT CLAY HANNA
3421 IRVING AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Mr. Louis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mr. Warren,-

For several years I have been interested in gathering the family genealogy on both Mr. Hanna's and my side for our sons. In the McCord data from a cousin of Mr. Hannas in Rochester, Indiana who has had family records

from the early McCords relo-
cated to Ind. from Ky. I find
that David McCord who
settled & bought 1500 acres of
land near Bowers Fort, Ky. in
1790 came there with his
wife & children from North
Carolina. His wife's name was
Ann Shipley who he married
in Va. or N.C. Their trip to Ky
was quite eventful with Indian
attacks & cousin stolen by
Indians etc. David McCord's
party for trip to Ky. was made up of family

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and in-laws. His mfr. name
Shipley McCard's sister Mary
& husband Abraham Lincoln
who I suppose would be the
President's Grandfather.
I have no reason to doubt
this as it comes from uncle an
early generation of McCards,
dead now, have no Ky. grand-
children of the putter David
& mfr. name. It is just an inter-
esting bit for us but as I read

Mrs Cannon's card it occurred
to me to write you of it and
ask if you have record of
the Shipley sisters & if you
think it is a true account.
Of President Abraham Lincoln
inheriting his "looks" from
the Shipley side I could
be very sure it is correct
for an early McCord
now dead of Rochester was
striking for his resemblance
as was always noticed.

MRS. SCOTT CLAY HANNA
3421 IRVING AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

I would appreciate it very much if you can find time for a reply. Thanking you

Sincerely

Elaine Hale Hanna

June 17, 1932

Mrs. Scott Clay Hanna
3421 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hanna:

Your letter reached me just at the time we are planning to launch a campaign in which we hope to discover who were the ancestors of Abraham Lincoln. At present we know but one of his three grand-parents and while there are many traditions of others from whom he descended, there seems to be no documentary proof to support the traditions.

Personally, I am confident that the Shipley family works into the story somewhere, but whether it is through his maternal ancestry or paternal ancestry, or both, I am not sure.

I have quite a bit of material on the Shipley family and through the columns of Lincoln Lore, the weekly publication of this Foundation, we are planning rather a thorough discussion of the Lincoln family line.

I have always been convinced that Abraham Lincoln had good blood in him and that he came from superior families.

I have corresponded with a great many of the Shipley groups and as time goes on will keep you advised as to the information we are able to gather about this interesting family. Enclosed you will please find copies of Lincoln Lore in which you will be interested.

Very sincerely yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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From Mrs S. C. Hanna
3421 Irving Ave. So. Minneap.

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Louis A. Warren - Editor Lincoln Lore.
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Dr. Warren.

Your Lincoln Lore of May 15 is most interesting and I am very glad to have the copies of the circular letter. I find several Shipley families in the telephone directory and upon learning that one of them is of Ky. ancestry have mailed the letter & bulletin - also sent the Parke Co. Ind. McCords same as they have always known of the Shipley - McCord & Lincoln ancestry. I believe the dates given by the "Indiana descendant" in your bulletin are incorrect. It was Eva Hanna's direct ancestor, his grandmothers father James McCord youngest child of David & Ann Shipley McCord born April 5. 1785 Mecklenburg Co. N. C. who was directed in his father David McCord's will to remain in the "manor house on the plantation (near Bonds Fort) and care for his mother until her

death". She died in 1828 age 82 yrs and her son James & wife Margaret Summers McCord & children then went to Parker Co. Ind. where record of them is to be found. David McCord was 72 yrs at his death - his will was proved Monday Jan 5 - 1818 & is recorded Will Book B - p. 425 - Madison Co Court Records at Richmond Ky.

My records give David McCord born 1745/6 d. 1817/18.
" " " Ann Shipley " " 1746 d. 1828.

"The Indiana descendant" gives David b. 1734-1744
" " " " d. 1806-1816.
" " " " Ann b. 1740
d. 1828

I have never found record (court or church) of Davids & Ann marriage - either Va or Mecklenburg Co. N. C - the latter I believe. If at any time these records are searched will you be so kind as to advise me.

In the right years of my interest in compiling records of some twenty five family lines all early American of the Hannas & mine I have never in all the libraries I have searched found Shipley data so all I have known of our Ann Shipley was her age - that her father was Robert and members of the family came to Ky. with her and her husband David McCord who seems to have been rather a leader of the clan. Would you be so kind as to give me references of the Shipley data you have of Adam & Lois Shipley of Md.

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and their descendant Robert of Va. & N.C. It would be greatly appreciated.

In reading your record of Lincoln's step mother it recalled to mind that when several years ago I made a trip to Shelbyville Ky. searching for Hanna records we drove out to Ben Allan Thomas's, a very very distant Hanna cousin whom we did not know. Mr Thomas owns 4000 acres, four miles out of Shelbyville, including the original Hanna plantations of Revolutionary days. While driving to the old Hanna burying ground, all grown over with ivy & with its slave made wall some distance back from the main pike we passed an old old homestead deserted which Mrs Ben Allan Thomas remarked was the old Bush place & it looked most interesting. Mrs Thomas' family has lived near that spot for five generations. There might be Bush data to be obtained. We were taken to call on Mr J. A. Logan very elderly who lived with his two daughters ~~who~~ in their Ky. ancestral home a few miles

away - their Post Office was Christiansburg Ky. and the Thomas' Chenowith R. R. no 1. Shelbyville - Mr Logan had the early records of Mulberry Grove Church which I am quite sure have never been published - I found record of Adam Hanna 1754-1823 so there may be early Bible records - all in the same neighborhood.

Thanking you and with best wishes for continued success

Sincerely yours -

Elmire White Hanna

Mrs Scott C. Hanna
3421 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis.

July 10, 1933

Mrs. S. C. Hanna
3421 Irving Avenue, South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Madem:

Will you please accept my thanks for your very interesting letter giving further data about the Shipleye, especially more accurate dates for the birth and death of Ann Shipley McCord.

A bulletin which will appear in the near future will give you the information you desire about the Adams Shipley family. It should appear within the next three or four weeks.

It is a strange coincident indeed that you should have visited Ben Allen Thomas and his wife Bestina Bailey Thomas because Mr. Thomas was a fraternity brother of mine at Transylvania, Kentucky and hiw wife was a friend of my wife, both of whom attended the same institution.

There were several Bush families in Kentucky in the early days and we are quite sure that Christopher Bush, the father of Sarah Bush, settled at Elizabethtown. Thank you very much, however, for this information.

Of course, we would be delighted at any time to have further advice about the Shipleys as we hope to be able eventually to clear up Lincoln's maternal ancestry.

Very sincerely yours,

Director
LAW:LH Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

August 6, 1935

Mrs. W. P. Moore
Gastonia, North Carolina

My dear Mrs. Moore:

I have recently returned from Gaston County where I have been making some researches with reference to the maternity of Abraham Lincoln. It has now been well established that she came from a rather fine family, that there was nothing irregular about her birth and that Abraham Lincoln came honestly by some of his rare traits through his mother's people.

We have discovered that the Shipleys married with the Berrys, the Sloans, the Mitchells and McCords also united with the Hankses.

I am wondering if you have any family history of the McCords which would help us in a further solution of the maternity of Lincoln as it is traced through these families, especially to Lucy Shipley who married James Hanks and who is said to have lived in

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH

Director

Rockville, Indiana.
July 23, 1917.

Mr. Wm. M. Harris,

Dear Cousin:

I was so pleased to receive your letter. I am glad you are interested in our work.

We are very much in love with the work ourselves. I am sorry to say we haven't been able as yet to collect enough material of the kind. We want to put it in book form and print it. We have quite a lot of interesting history but the work is so slow, for different reasons. Some people don't answer letters because they are just careless, and are not interested. Some don't know anything to tell us. We haven't succeeded as yet in getting just what we want of the two Vincennes branches of the McCord family. We have some of their history but not quite enough to satisfy us. I will give you a little of the old history we have as you may like to have it even if we haven't it in good form yet.

During the Revolution we find one David McCord living in Mechlinburg County, N.C. We have been told he was a native of Scotland. He was born sometime between 1734 and 1744. We haven't been able to find the exact date. The date on the old Tombstone is so badly marred we couldn't be sure of the date. It gives his death as 1806 or 1816, age 72 years. He was married to Ann Shipley. They had nine children.

1.	William	(b) Oct. 5,1766	(d) June 29, 1824
2.	Sarah	--	--
3.	Robert (Robin)	" Aug. 3, 1770	" Dec. 6, 1840
4.	John	" Sep. 8, 1773	" Jan. 8, 1846
5.	David	" Jan.24, 1781	" ~~--~~ Oct 29, 1852
6.	Ann	" Nov.18, 1782	" Aug. 2, 1855
7.	James	" Apr. 5, 1785	" Dec.28, 1873
8.	Rosa	" about 1788	" 1812 or 1813
9.	Mary (Polly)	" "1790 or 91	" about 1836

David's family were all born in North Carolina except Mary who was (b) in Kentucky.

David was a minute man in the Revolution and on the morning of Jan.24,1781, when his son David was born, he was in a battle within hearing distance of his home. This David that was born that morning was your Great Grandfather.

In 1790 David sold his 44 acres of land and taking his family started to Kentucky. His son, William, and his daughter, Sarah, married and this trip was their wedding trip. William was married May 20, 1790.

Oscar's grandfather (James) was 5 yrs. old when they made the trip and Oscar heard him tell of the time they had so often that he almost could believe he had been with them himself. They all rode horseback and carried their goods on pack horses and drove the stock. Just after they passed the Cumberland gap, the Indians (6 in number) attacked the old people and children after the young men with the stock had passed. One woman was scalped and her 12 yr. old daughter was captured by the Indians. This woman's husband shot the Indian in the leg as he was scalping his wife and when he was hurt his friends picked him up and left. The Indians gathered up the scattered pack animals and this little girl as they left. The little girl who was a cousin of the McCord children was Naomi Mitchell. The Indians made her take care of this Indian who was shot

and they told her if he died, they would kill her. They sold her to the French and her brothers found her two years after and brought her home.

William, the son, who was on his wedding trip was shot in the right arm and I have been told he had to have his arm taken off. One family we have been told was with the party making this trip was Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Shipley. Mary & Ann Shipley were sisters, making the McCord children & Thomas Lincoln (father of the President) 1st cousins. We have found history to show that President Lincoln's grandmother was Mary Shipley. The Lincoln history's don't even mention that they ever lived in Carolina but the Kentucky McCords have handed it down as family history from father to son that the Lincoln's were of this party and related as I say. After they all arrived in Madison Co. Kentucky, David bought 1000 acres near Boone's Fort and lived there as an influential citizen till he died and most of his land is still in the hands of the McCord family.

William stayed in Kentucky.

Sarah & Rosa died in Kentucky.

While John & David (your ancestor) went to Vincennes and Robert, James, Ann and Mary came to Parke Co. (N.W. of Terre Haute)

We have some of all the branches history but not much of the Vincennes men. Does your mother have a bible with any history in it?

David McCord married Dorcas Roseborough in 1808. She was born Apr. 24, 1788, Died Apr. 7, 1871. They had twelve children.

1.	William R.	(b) May 2, 1809	Had 4 children
2.	Robert	(b) About 1810	Had 12 "
3.	John	(b) About 1810	Had 7 or 8 children
4.	Rhoda	(M) McClure -) Moved to Napa, Cal.	
5.	Margaret	(M) ") " " " "	
6.	Orpah Ann	(M) Sam'l Thompson	Had 12 children
7.	Serelda	(M) Irwin Hogue	Had 5 "
8.	Tirzah	(M) Garrett	Had 3 " Had lived at Delphi, Ind.
9.	Malinda	(M) McCord	Had 1 child " in Rockville, Ind
10.	Eliza	Armstrong	Had 4 children
11.	Jane	(M) Collins	Had 1 child Lived in Vincennes
12.	Martha	(M) Rob't. Hodgen of Vincennes	Had 1 child (Herbert)

We have some more history of David's family but it is to scattering to put in shape.

What do you know about your Harris family? I have been helping a man by the name of Harris on some family history and he is after every one he hears of. I have some way back Harris history that I got through him. The Harris family is tied closely in some places to the McCord family. David & Ann Shipley McCord's son Robert married a Harris and I have some other history showing where they intermarried.

I think I had better stop for this time. We hope to hear from you again and anything I have in the way of history that you would like to have I would be glad to send you. I have the dates of Dorcas Rosebrough's father's family if you would like to

SPRINGFIELD MAN DIED LAST WEEK IN NEW YORK CITY

Former Member Interstate Commerce Commission and Recognized Rate Expert Was A Victim Of Heart Attack.

WELL KNOWN WOMEN DIE

Springfield Sun 12-2-1937

MR. McCHORD

Charles Caldwell McChord, 77, attorney, formerly of Springfield and widely known as an authority on railroad rates, died Wednesday of a heart attack in his room in the Hotel Plaza in New York. He had lived in Washington for more than twenty-five years and had been in New York since September.

With him at the time of his death were his daughter, Mrs. Margaret McChord Boyle, and granddaughter, Josephine Boyle. He also leaves two brothers, Dr. R. C. McChord, Lebanon, and John McChord, with the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington.

Born in this city December 3, 1859, a son of Robert Caldwell and Laura Hynes McChord, he was educated at Centre College, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1882. His wife, who was Miss Nellie Grundy, preceded him in death several years ago.

As a lawyer of repute, Mr. McChord became a member of the Louisville firm of McChord, Hines & Norman. He was a Democrat and was appointed to the Interstate Commerce Commission by Republican President Taft, serving from 1911 to 1926.

Before going to Louisville McChord had been Prosecuting Attorney of Washington County and had served in the Kentucky Legislature and was special counsel for the State in numerous cases growing out of the passage of the McChord Railway Rate Bill. He had been a member of the Kentucky Railroad Commission and arbitrator on the War Labor Board. During the World War he was a member of the Railway Wage Commission.

Mr. McChord was a brother of the late W. C. McChord, for many years dean of the Springfield Bar, and was prominently mentioned as the Democratic nominee for Governor on more than one occasion.

27 Beech Street
N. Arlington, N. J.
Sept. 2, 1946

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Editor of Lincoln Life Foundation Bulletin
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:

I have been reading today your bulletin, No. 214, entitled "Lincoln Lore" and dated May 15, 1933.

This bulletin was given me last week in Rockville, Ind., by Mrs. Minnie McCord.

I am interested because I want to eastablish, if possible, some connection between Abraham Lincoln and the Shipleys.

As a descendant of Ann Shipley and David McCord and a high school instructor in American history, I want to uncover as many clues as possible.

What I want to ask you is this: After 13 years, what reactions can you report from your published account of the Shipleys in Bulletin 214?

Because I travel about the country some, perhaps I can be on the lookout for new date.

Very sincerely yours

G. McCord

Glenn McCord

September 6, 1946

Mr. Glenn McCord
27 Beech Street
North Arlington, New Jersey

Dear Mr. McCord:

I am delighted to make the acquaintance of one of the defendants of Ann Shipley and David McCord and am interested in following through on this extremely interesting genealogical problem. I do trust that if you are in the vicinity of Fort Wayne, you will pay me a visit, as I have a great many Shipley documents here and especially some from the McCord family.

I am taking occasion to enclose with this letter a bulletin which I think will be of help to you in relation to the Shipley ancestry.

Trusting I may have the pleasure of meeting you here some day, I am

Very truly yours,

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Director

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Robinson, Illinois
I August, 1952.

Dr. Louis A. Warren.
Lincoln National Foundation.
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Dear Mr. Warren:

The serious illness of my sister has brought me to this town where I may stay for an indefinate period. Some years ago-you sent to me certain numbers of Lincoln Lore with Shipley and Lincoln genealogy data and also your reprint of The Shipley Ancestors of Lincoln's Mother, and I have treasured this material with my deceased husbands records of his grandmother Lucinda McCord Russell-who descended thru Ann Shipley (sister of Lucy) who married David McCord of N.C. and Ky.)

The small but good Library here knew nothing of your work when I asked if you had published new data. Do you still have copies of Lincoln Lore of those numbers dealing with Shipley-Hanks-Lincoln genealogy? Or your reprints of Shipley Ancestry? It would be so fitting if this little Library could have copies.

This brings me to some thing I always intended asking you when our correspondence was in progress but over looked.

Abraham Lincoln's looks were and still are so frquently commented on. The McCord family of Rockville, Ind. (David McCords of Ky. descendents) were sure that he inherited his looks from the Shipleys for early ones of the family in Ind. (two we know of and one of them I saw) bore a real resemblance to Lincoln. The man I speak of was Oscar McCord, deceased, of Rockville. Has this thought been brought up and have you seen photographs giving a thought as to what branch of his genealogy he did look like. Thanking you.

Very truly yours,
Elonice W. Hanna

(Mrs Scott P.)

McCord

August 7, 1952

Mrs. Scott C. Hanna
Hotel Woodworth, Inc.
Robinson, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Hanna:

I regret to say that all of our early issues of Lincoln Lore and Lincoln kinsmen referring to the Shipley family are out of print.

We would be interested, indeed, if someone could find among the McCord records some further information about Lucy Shipley. Possibly some old family bible might have the names of the ancestors of Ann Shipley. It is very important, indeed, to discover some documentary proof of the relationships of these early people.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BB

Director

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Mrs.Scott Clay Hanna.
Robinson,Illinois.

23 August 1952.

Dr.Louis A.Warren.
Fort Wayne,Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Thank you for your letter of August seventh. Your Shipley data was so well assembled,I learn with regret of it being out of print.

The last paragraph of your letter is of interest to me.I may say that I very much doubt if Bible records of the Shipley family were ever brought to Ky.-if they were it seems almost a certainty they were lost as most personal possessions were when the Indians attacked the group on their journey.As far as the descendants of David McCord are concerned, one will never be necessary to them and should not be to others having seen available documents and with Ann Shipley McCord's own son who lived so close to her,coming to Ind.1828-d.Dec.28,1873 having been b.April 5,1785 and his daughter Lucinda b.in Ky.and m.there. in N.C.

At no time has any data been found to take away the truth of the family history and there is much to support it.There were no hero worshipers in Mr.Hanna's line of McCord and besides Mr.Lincoln's was a collaterial line of Shipley ancestry and a side connection.

As I knew the several of the early members of that family there were others in it having the same wonderful spirit as Mr.Lincolns,only lacking his opportunity to bring it forth-and no Mary Todd to aid in the developement.

David McCord purchased 1500 acres near Boonesboro, Ky.before he and his wife Ann Shipley,with large party of family and friends left N.C.She d.on this the original homestead in Ky.age 82 yrs.David's will charged son James(mydeceased husband's line)to remain in the "Manor House with his Mother until her death".This son James was born in N.C.April 5,1785-he did as charged by his father remaining with his Mother(Ann Ahipley sister of Lucy Shipley)until 1828 when his Mother died.He m.in Ky.and his family born there.Among them his daughter Lucinda McCord b.1823 Ky.who m.James Wakefield Russell who d.in Ind.April 29,1907.Her father d.Ind.Dec.28, 1873.I married into the family before this fine old lady passed on so had the privilege of knowing her.The early family background and family history ~~were important~~ were important to her,and was related to me.The Shipley line thru her grandmother,in whose home she had been born was never magnified I can assure you simply because it was not important to them-they were the part of the family of substance and very busy with affairs of a large family.

It has been quite a few years since you were introduced to me in Ky.by Mrs.Ardery and again Mrs.Canon but I recall your interest in history at that time.

Very truly yours,

Elonie W. Hanna

MC CORD

August 29, 1952

Mrs. Scott Clay Hanna
Robinson, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Hanna:

I was happy indeed to receive your interesting letter with respect to the Shipley family and I trust that any single item that the family may have preserved which would bear the name of Lucy Shipley would be of great importance. I have been firmly convinced for many years that Lucy Shipley Hanks was the daughter of Robert Shipley although there is no single document which proves that fact. That is what we very much need and I will be very happy indeed to hear from you if any new evidence is available.

Very truly yours,

LAW:PE

Director